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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed 7 July 2003, please reconsider the Claims in the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Claims 1-25 are pending and stand rejected. Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections.

Amendments

In the specification

Please correct typographical errors in Equations 3, 4 and 7 as shown on the accompany page "Equation Amendments". Equations 3 and 4, as originally written are lacking the replacement of $Rm_{test}(w, h, i)$ for $Rm_{test}(w)$ as specified on page 12, lines 16-17. Equation 7 is originally written as a difference when a conversion of Equation 2 to get Equation 7 actually results in a sum.

In the Claims